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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed February 11, 2003, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The statement claiming small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27 embodied in the petition under 1.378(c) has been made of record and small entity status has been accorded.

Petitioner is advised that he will not receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees for the above-identified patent unless a "fee address" (see PTO/SB/47) is submitted for the above-identified patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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